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Microsoft's business practices are entirely too aggressive and our government is the only body left that can put some controls on their activity.

Two examples:

1. Their insistence on controlling what the desktop looks like by computer vendors such as Dell. Microsoft would not even allow Dell to put certain icons in view on the machine even if the software behind the icon was actually installed on the machine.
2. Forcing computer vendors such as Dell or Compaq to pay an operating system royalty to Microsoft even if the vendor chose to put a Linux operating system on the machine instead of the Microsoft OS.

This is entirely too much power in the hands of a powerful company. The proposed settlement, as I understand it, is too soft on Microsoft. Please make some adjustments or oversight to control their business practices with respect to other hardware and software vendors.

Sincerely,
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